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MISSISSIPPI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

The trains that came from all points south, west and north brought the folks. There were old folks, young folks, children, parents, teachers, preachers, business men, professional men. They were a happy lot. And who would think of it being otherwise? Were they not on the way to the greatest gathering that is held in the fair state? Sure, they were, and had abundant cause to be happy. And now they have been met at the trains, carried to the Chamber of Commerce, assigned the most splendid homes in the city, and are back at the beautiful First Baptist Church, the host of the Convention. Among the many happy ones, or better, among the crowd, for it is the same, none seemed so happy as the genial, lovable, godly pastor of the church. Of course, it was evident that he had been busy preparing, and that only accentuated the smile that was continually on his face. It is now Tuesday evening, March the 20th, and the hour has come for the beginning of the greatest convention that has ever been held in the state. No, not the greatest in numbers, but greatest in the inspiration that was fanned many times into a red hot flame of Spirituality.

They sing the Doxology, and it never seemed more fitting. President R. T. Strickland is in the chair. They sing again, and this time it is "Love Lifted Me." The Mississippi College Male Quartet sings. President Strickland calls Dr. J. A. Taylor of Brookhaven to come and lead in a devotional service. He reads Titus 2:11-15, calling attention to three points.

Following the devotional service, the welcome address was spoken by Hon. V. B. Imes, editor of the Commercial Dispatch of the city. A cheering, ringing, hearty welcome was extended by the speaker to this, the second oldest city in Mississippi. The response was by Prof. W. Jacobs of Columbia. The burden of the response was, "We are glad to be here."

Hon. E. L. Dodson, teacher of the University class of young men in the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala., the class composed of students from the University of Alabama. He cited the obligation of the denomination to the young men in the state schools, calling attention to the fact that a great per cent of our leaders in all walks of life are coming through these state institutions. A number of striking statements were made by the speaker, that were, to say the least, thought provoking. Mr. Dodson is a lawyer and a practical Christian worker. He was introduced by Rev. John Caylor, University Pastor of Tuscaloosa. The speaker came in the place of Harry L. Strickland, who was detained unavoidably.

The program is to be carried out as printed, and now the time has come for the appearance

of Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La. His address followed in a unique way, the one preceding. It would be a glorious thing if the writer had been able to have given a real outline of the address, and not only of this one, but all the others. The best he can do is to set down as nearly as he can the thoughts that were brought out, not in the words of the speaker, but clearly. Such ideas as the following were stressed in this address:

Soul winning is primary service. When Baptists compare themselves with others, with themselves, all is to their glory. But, if each church in the S. B. C. had won one soul per month, last year, we would have won one third more than were won last year. About 245,000 were baptized last year. If each preacher had won one soul each month during the year, there would have been one fourth more won than were in the South. If each group of fifteen of the 3,000,000 Southern Baptists had won one soul during the year, we would have won almost as many as were baptized during the year. If each S. S. teacher and officer had won one during the year, the number would have been about 310,000.

He then said that soul winning is good match-making, good sportsmanship, and good salesmanship. That good salesmanship is composed of the following: Proper approach, securing attention, creating interest, and getting the name on "the dotted line". We are both fire and life insurance agents. We insure against eternal fire, and to eternal life. Soul winning is the finest service to families, state, and to the world. That we have great agencies at our disposal among which are the Wonderful Word, and our personal relationships.

The evening service closed with a song and prayer, J. E. Byrd dismissing by prayer.

Wednesday Morning

The conferences began at the time and places appointed, consisting of an Organized Class, Superintendents, Intermediate, Elementary, Senior B. Y. P. U., Junior-Intermediate, and Student Volunteer.

At 10 the assembled hosts began to sing. Mr. Virgil Posey of the Jackson, Miss., Second Baptist church in charge. Be it said with great earnestness that Brother Posey is a great singer, and a great leader. And let it not be unsaid, that Mrs. Posey is a great pianist. They are a great team for the Lord in singing. Words of appreciation were heard time after time by the writer. The selections were always fitting, and the manner in which he used the quartette, choruses, soloists, etc., are to his credit.

Prayer by Dr. R. A. Kimbrough of the Third Enlistment District.

It is raining, as it did a great part of the time during the meeting. But that seemed to hinder

little. Perhaps it helped, for there was no pleasure on being outside, and so everyone came inside and stayed. And how they did stay! They surely did play havoc with the eight hour law. About 14 hours was the least we could use, and every minute to advantage.

Again sang, this time, "Oh How I Love Jesus". And again sang, using the chorus "Victory". President Strickland announced the Committees on Nominations, and Resolutions; the former composed of Webb Brame, E. G. Hightower, and A. J. Dickinson, and the latter of L. G. Gates, W. H. Morgan, and Hermon Dean. A beautiful solo was rendered, and a special number by the Glee Club of M. W. C.

Rev. J. E. Wills discussed, to our edification, "An Adequate Conception of the S. S." Three things are essential in this: (1) That the school shall be a REAL school. Should have a school's motive, a school's method, and a school's standard in that it is to be judged as real school. (2) That it should be a school of the church, and of the church, church members in it. (3) That it should be a school where the highest and best knowledge is imparted. There is too little teaching in the S. S. Too much teaching is only preaching.

Rev. W. H. Morgan gave an address on "Adequate Equipment". It involves a clean, clearcut conviction of the necessity and importance of the S. S. An adequate organization, and there is no danger of organization for service. Proper and official personnel, deacons, pastor, etc. He emphasized the magnitude of the task of the superintendent, and said that parsimony will quickly show itself a detriment to the S. S. Records are to be made to build character, and the Six-Point System is the most valuable forward step in ten years. The purpose of it all is to harvest and garner that which will glorify God.

The work going about 15 minutes late, it was moved that the time be added to Dr. Gunter so that he may have full time for his address. The subject is "Adequate Doctrinal Information". Many, many were the terse practical statements of our Secretary, and only a very few of many that deserve it are recorded. As for instance: There are two kinds of people who do not care for Doctrine—one does not know, and the other is one who knows, but is not willing to be tested. He named as fundamentals, Total Depravity; Regeneration; Regeneration as a prerequisite to the Ordinances; Right of the Individual to accept or reject; Nature, place and Mission of the Church; Scriptures as Absolute Authority. The present tendency is to depart from Doctrinal Teaching, and to break down denominational lines. There is a tendency to close our mouths about that which has made us great. There is no such thing as accepting Christ and ignoring His teachings.

Many remarks of the great address were heard publicly and privately. The writer believes that

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the whole of it ought to be given the denomination and the world.

And now Dr. W. F. Powell is to address us again. The pungent, practical, beautiful way in which he speaks is an inspiration. The subject is "The Vision of the Volunteer". All life depends on how we see things. Life is conditioned by vision: constructed along the lines of the vision, and consecrated according to vision. Altitude determines horizon. A vision of value determines ability. The measure of a man is the measure of his vision. True in art, sculpture, architecture, literature. Those who do not believe in Inspiration are called upon to explain the difference in the Psalms and Odyssey. Man is educated who can think God's thoughts after Him. The Bible teaches us to see with our souls. A volunteer is one who has brought his conscience up to his intellect. We live in the direction we look. If we look up, we live upward, if we look down, we live downward. If you want to make the most of life, choose the hardest place. As well as others, this is a most marvellous address.

Wednesday Afternoon

Mr. Posey led in singing, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead us", and "Onward Christian Soldiers". Also "Draw Me Nearer". Vice-President Bebel Mize of Brookhaven is in the chair, and calls for prayer, led by Rev. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg. Sang "Standing on the Promises", and the "Victory" chorus. Mississippi College Male Quartet sang "Beautiful Land" and "Riches of Grace".

Miss Lillian Forbes of the Sunday School Board met at Nashville addressed the great gathering on the work among the elementaries of the S. S. She told us that we would need the measure of an angel to measure the value of the work with the children. She quoted many authorities to show the trend of thought among them and for emphasis of the ideas given. She made our hearts burn within us for a better conception of the work of the elementary departments, and the need for adequate equipment for work with them.

Rev. J. M. Metts of Flora followed, speaking of "Adequate Evangelistic Opportunity". He showed that the Comic Press, the Modern Picture Show, the Busy Worldliness of the Mothers, are hindering adequate opportunity for evangelism.

Rev. A. S. Johnston of Mt. Olive spoke on "Adequate Music", taking the place of Rev. O. P. Gates of Picayune, who is detained by sickness. This demands a good pianist, a good leader, well-tuned instrument, plenty of books, of the right kind.

Rev. J. M. Walker of Aberdeen being absent, his subject was passed, and it was announced that the information that was to be had in the Red Call, would be published in the Record.

Dr. M. E. Dodd was called to the platform and after singing "Holy Spirit Faithful Guide", he addressed the assembly on "Adequate Power". The address followed in logical order the preceding addresses, and among the striking thoughts presented were these: We are growing great enterprises without growing great men to care for them. We need not so much, more men, but more men. Not more machinery, but more power. We have what we have because we are what we are. Too much are we seeking to do our work in the energy of the flesh. There are Divine powers that we have not half way appropriated. He outlined and spoke on The Promise of Power, The Person of Power, The Purpose of Power, and The Source of Power. Using Ephesians 5:18, as the text, he noted that in it there is A Command to be Obeyed, A Privilege to be Enjoyed, A Victory to be Won.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report, and after commending those who had part in making the program and planning for the meeting, and thanks expressed in a beautiful way to the good people of Columbus, and to the State Mission Board for funds used to further the power and usefulness of this greatest Convention of Mississippi, and commending the plans for extension work of B. Y. P. U. and S. S., com-

mitted the Convention heartily and enthusiastically to the plan of Revs. Brame and Posey for sending Mr. J. E. Byrd to the Baptist World Alliance in July, which meets at Stockholm, Sweden.

Wednesday Evening

The service began with a beautiful Processional by the Baptist Club of the Mississippi State College for Women. It looked like about all the college is Baptist. It was stated by Dr. Franks that there were nearly Four Hundred girls of the college Baptists. The audience sang "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us", led by Mr. Posey. Dr. W. T. Lowrey led in prayer. Sang "At the Cross". One of the girls of the Industrial Training School of Columbia sang a beautiful solo. A selection was given by the Columbus Male Quartet. The Baptist Club of M. S. C. W. sang "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Lest We Forget". The Organized Class Banner was awarded the T. E. L. Class of the Merigold Baptist Church, the award being presented by Mr. J. E. Sweaney, and received by Pastor Kinsey of that church. Mr. Sweaney stated that there are more than three hundred churches in Mississippi that have no S. S.

Dr. W. F. Powell addressed the great audience, and we give some of the terse statements made. Your reporter's only objection to Dr. Powell is that he says so many great things so fast that he cannot take them, not being a stenographer.

He said: There are three movements that are sweeping the country: Good Roads, Popular Education, and the Organized Class. God has raised up the modern S. S. to meet the present Crisis. The subject of the address is "The Crisis and The Christ". This Crisis is four-fold, it may develop into "Humanity without Hope, The Ministry without a Message, The Church without a Mission, and The Kingdom without a King". The world war was caused by the fact that there cannot be a brotherhood of man without a Fatherhood of God. There was not a word of prayer at the Versailles Peace Conference, and Christ was not in the prayer at the Disarmament Conference. There would be war in Europe now if a fire could be started in an ash heap. The present crisis is that between the "Lipstick and the Broomstick"; "The Ouija Board and the Washboard"; "The Wrist Watch and the Alarm Clock". This conflict in society. The only Real Things are the Things Christian. The business of Baptists is to Christianize Christianity. There is lots of Baptized Paganism. Something is wrong with the church that has no missionary. Our task is to meet the Crisis with the Christ. Will we do it?

The Mississippi College Quartet sang. Also a solo, by the Voice Teacher in M. S. C. W.

Rev. Brame called attention to the session ten years ago. Mississippi is now second only to Texas in awards by S. S. Board, third in standard Sunday Schools. Much of this is due to the efforts of the man from the Piney Woods who has given the best he had for about 20 years to the work. He is J. E. Byrd. Dr. Brame presents to Brother Byrd the authority to prepare to take the trip to the Baptist World Alliance, with the passage paid. It was a beautiful tribute he gave, and never more deserved.

The response by Brother Byrd was an expression of gratitude for the privilege of serving Mississippi Baptists. Brother Gates of Laurel spoke of the new day that had been ushered in. Dr. M. E. Dodd spoke words of praise of Columbus and her hospitality.

Dr. Dodd then addressed the Convention on Matthew 16:18. He called attention to the efforts that are being made to discredit the churches. The church has a three-fold glory, a Divine Origin, Infilling, and Protection. It has a three-fold mission, Healing (the physical), Teaching (the intellectual), Preaching (the spiritual). Christ committed that commission to the churches. The church has a three-fold promise, Power, Perpetuity, and Presence (of Christ). The church has a great Foundation, Growth, and Conflict. It may be said to be founded on Peter as a representative of the regenerated, on Peter's declaration or confession as declarative of his faith

in Christ, or, and, on Christ as the Rock. The churches are growing Financially, Influentially, and Numerically. They are the only securely solvent institutions on earth.

The audience sang as one "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

Thursday Morning

With President R. T. Strickland in the chair, Mr. Posey led "I Am Resolved". Prayer by Rev. J. Norris Palmer. Sang "Showers of Blessing". Mrs. J. M. Hartfield of Jackson called attention to the needs for the Nurses Home at the Baptist Hospital at Jackson. The response was such as to make sure the necessary improvements and furnishings would be forthcoming. The Nominating Committee reported by E. G. Hightower of Hattiesburg: R. T. Strickland, President; W. N. Puckett, Vice-Pres. S. S.; Jack Keith, Vice-Pres. B. Y. P. U.; Goode Montgomery, Secretary. Program Committee: J. E. Byrd, A. J. Wilds, R. T. Strickland, C. R. Harwood, and Hattie Pearl Langford. Time: March 18-20, 1924. Place, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Strickland spoke words of gratitude for the privilege of serving Mississippi Baptists. W. H. Preston, B. Y. P. U. Secretary of Tennessee, sang a solo, "Jesus Leads". A selection was given by the M. W. C. Glee Club.

Mr. John Latimer led a brief prayer, and spoke on "The B. Y. P. U. as a Religious Influence in a Baptist School". The B. Y. P. U. enlists students in Religious work. It holds up a 100% standard of efficiency. Bible reading is stressed. Systematic and proportionate giving, regular attendance at meetings, and practical Christian work are its task. It was a splendid address and received the applause of the audience.

Rev. J. D. Franks' address was on "Conserving That For Which We Train". We train for church-membership, for discovering the talents of our young people, for Christian Service, and that ought to be equivalent to training for church-membership. The churches are responsible for every good thing in life, directly, or indirectly. We train to eliminate waste. To conserve, we ought to graduate them from the B. Y. P. U. Some stay too long. Hold them in training, that is long enough. Find a place for the trained. Link the young people onto the larger program.

Mr. Preston of Tennessee spoke on "The New Note in B. Y. P. U. Work". Some of his ideas were: Organization utilizes power. The vision of the day is "The World for Christ". The objective is "Christ for the World". A little child fell off the bed and on being asked why, he said: "I don't know unless I went to sleep too near where I got in". It looks like some church members go to sleep too near where they get in the church. The vision should lead all to be hearers and not forgetters of the Word. The address was practical and vivacious.

Mississippi College Quartet sang. Dr. Dodd having left Dr. Powell made another address on "As My Father Hath Sent Me, Even So Send I You". We have come to a world for as great a purpose as Jesus came. There is a Divine plan for every life. If you want your church house packed, go back to the old time Gospel with emphasis. We try to fashion after each other when God never made two alike. Every preacher's pulpit ought to be storm center. "If more preachers were killed, like John the Baptist, it would be the making of them". God's plan is for life to be, a Sacrifice, a Service, and a Saviour. Our churches need a big issue. All the resources of the Kingdom are back of the man who serves the King. We are pardoned by the King, and now it is ours to seal our pardon with our blood at the front. Another great address. The audience was dismissed with singing, "Jesus Calls Us".

Thursday Afternoon

Mr. Posey led in singing, "Take the Name of Jesus With You". Prayer by Rev. Madison Flowers of Rolling Fork. Sang, "My Jesus I Love Thee", and on "Jordan's Stormy Banks". A telegram was received from the Foreign Mission Band of the B. B. I. at New Orleans. This

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telegram and others that had been received were replied to by the Secretary. Messengers were invited to a special program at M. S. C. W. at 4:30 prepared for them. The Mississippi College Quartet sang, "Ashamed of Jesus". A number was given by the Glee Club of M. W. C.

Mr. Wilds then took charge and showed the progress that had been made in five years by the B. Y. P. U. work in the state. The information he gave ought to be given on the page allotted him in the Record. The District Conventions were announced. Rev. S. W. Rogers gave a well deserved tribute to the efficient efforts of Mr. Wilds, and the tribute was received with great applause. Reports were called for from the Districts, and some one responded from each. Associational Organizations were reported from, and also from B. Y. P. U. Directors. Many were the encouraging, and inspiring reports from B. Y. P. U.s throughout the state. So enthusiastic were the folks that reports had to be shut off long before all were through. And then came the inspiring moment when the banners were awarded. After some Pep songs by the Columbus choir, Mr. Wilds announced that the Senior Banner goes to the Laurel First Church B. Y. P. U.; the Intermediate to the Baldwin Intermediates; the Junior to the Leavell Juniors, Brookhaven, and the College Banner to the M. W. C.

Mr. Preston in a few words gave a "Challenge" to the best in us to do our best, to treat others better, to do extension work, to back up the pastor, to win souls for Christ, to live a nobler life, to live a surrendered life. If you want to be right, study yourself, study all that are about you, seek the advice of older Christians, interpret God's promises in the light of circumstances about you, and listen to God.

Thursday Evening

The last session of the Convention opened by a prelude by the organ. It was raining, but there was a great audience present, and the spirit was high. Sang "Stand Up For Jesus". Dr. J. L. Johnson led in prayer. Sang "There Is a Name", and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". The Quartet from Mississippi College sang, and so did the Glee Club of M. W. C. The Columbus Choir gave a selection, and Mrs. Reader sang a solo. Mr. Posey sang a solo also. Congratulations were extended those who had part in making the Convention such a remarkable meeting.

Dr. Powell, announced the text, Matthew 27:37, using the words, "This is Jesus the King", as the basis for his address. He said that there are three great ideas, or messages in the Bible. In the Old Testament it is, "Jesus Will Come". In the Gospels, "Jesus Has Come", and in the Epistles and Apocalypse, "Jesus Will Come Again". The Old Testament paved a Royal Road down which the Messiah should come. God has a way of outliving Opposition. He is also imperial over Temptation. A real Christian is a real scrapper. God hates a quitter. Satan, having a higher conception of worship than lots of folks, wants to buy us at any price, but wants us at the lowest possible figure. He attacked the Saviour through Carnal Desire, Pride, and Prosperity, and will so attack us. Jesus weds Perspiration and Inspiration. He said that the Crown Rights of Jesus as King are, to be Saviour of His Subjects, to be King of Kings, to be Invincible, to have His subjects broken for Him, and that He is these. He who died on a cross today will reign on a throne tomorrow. The subjects of the King are enrolled and enlisted. This Jesus, Saviour and Christ, is the only God who pretends to save the one who has gone wrong. Other religions teach not to go wrong. Christ saves the lost in the mire of sin. At the close of the address, almost spontaneously, the audience sang a verse of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

No words that the writer can command will tell of the heights of inspiration we reached at this closing service. With the singing of "To the Work", the Convention closed. While not the largest in attendance, it seems to be the opinion of those present that Mississippi Baptists

reached the highest point in inspiration they have ever known in these days.

One expression heard on many sides was that it may be possible to conserve the energies that were generated in the Convention. We pray that it may be.

With thankful hearts that Columbus had invited us, and then entertained so generously, and with the blessings we can pass on to them, we came away determined to do and be better servants of a glorious King.

ORGANIZED CLASS CONFERENCE

The organized Bible class group conference was called to order at time appointed during State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of Mississippi at Columbus by the Pres. R. T. Strickland. After brief Song Service and Prayer the meeting was given over to Mr. E. L. Dodson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who discussed the great question of "Teaching the Bible" giving clear way of expressing self for God.

Following this address, Mr. John Caylor in brief talk gave relation of class to Lord's work, emphasizing the fact that the organized class is only a part of the Sunday School and the church.

The meeting was then given over to open discussion on work of class movement.

The President then appointed a committee on nominations and awards. The meeting then adjourned to general meeting.

On Thursday the group conference met at appointed time and after brief devotional exercises the meeting was open for general discussion on vital questions pertaining to organized class work.

The newly elected officers were then installed, after which the meeting adjourned for general session of convention.

The officers for coming year are as follows:

President, M. C. McDaniel, Poplarville, Miss.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Hagans, Jackson, Miss.; Vice-President, 1st District, C. S. Barnes, Jackson, Miss.; Vice-President, 2nd District, Webb Venable, Clarksdale, Miss.; Vice-President, 3rd District, Edgar Holcomb; Vice-President, 4th District, Hardy Stone; Vice-President, 5th District, Goode Montgomery; Vice-President, 6th District, T. C. Griffin.

The T. E. L. class of Merigold made splendid report of work during past year which entitled them to receive banner offered to organized class of State.

The committee commended the great work recently done by the Builders' class of Laurel, Miss., also the Senior Fidelis of Jackson, 2nd Church, both of which show splendid reports.

AN OPEN LETTER TO BAPTIST LEADERS

By L. R. Scarborough

I find in my tour of the South in the interest of our forward movement many things to encourage. I find some things exceedingly disheartening. I am taking this method of trying to put the peril of a great situation on the conscience of Southern Baptist leaders.

The achievements in all lines during the period of this Campaign are cheering beyond words. Everywhere the merciful hand of God is shown in unspeakable blessings upon Southern Baptists. But we stand at the gate of peril. Every interest that we hold dear is tied up in the conduct of Baptist leaders this side of April 30. Our Home and Foreign Mission Boards are carrying almost unbearable loads of indebtedness. Every other phase and department and institution of our work likewise are pressed dangerously near the crushing point. A perilous complacency has settled down on thousands of our leaders.

Fountains of liberality are checked by the indifference of many of our best leaders. The preachers in thousands of cases have quit preaching on missions and other subjects of the Cam-

paign. Their churches have gotten behind—many of them far behind—and they have come to regard their case as hopeless. They have succumbed to defeat. In many cases local demands for enlarged equipment for church or Sunday School have put great and unusual burdens on the people and they have allowed these local obligations to postpone or press down the Campaign covenant.

The successive crop failure and other causes of industrial depression have induced our leaders to hold their hands and say, "It can't be done". Suppose Moses, at the Red Sea, had taken such an attitude, what would have become of Israel? Suppose Joshua, at the Jordan, had said with a composed complacency, "It can't be done", would the Promised Land ever have been taken?

I press on the consciences of my brothers and sisters in places of leadership everywhere the following exhortations as of supreme importance in this critical hour:

1. Don't falter in your faith. Say, "It can be done". "All things are possible to him that believeth".

2. Call your people to prayer, constant and persistent prayer, to the God of miracles. Rest your soul on Jeremiah 33:3: "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great things".

3. Call your leaders together and lay on their consciences the high call of the causes, the call of the Christless and the call of the cross. Organize them to canvass every member of your church. Let the pastor himself get in the front of a heroic band with a determined will to win.

4. Preach on missions. Fill your soul with the motive, message, achievements and the enlarged opportunities of world-wide missions, and burn this message into the soul of your church.

5. Determine to win. Set your soul like flint on a complete, finished victory for your church. Your people, many of them, still ride in automobiles, still buy gasoline, still have plenty to eat, still wear good clothes, and still indulge in many luxuries of one sort or another. Call them to the sacrificial life for Christ. Show them the glory of higher values and richer investments. Don't let your church come under its faithful promise and covenant to Almighty God! If they were to default on pastor's salary you would never forgive them. If they were to default in paying for a new church building the community would never forgive them. Then how under heaven can our leaders allow our churches to default on their pledges to Christ's world-encircling program for missions, education and benevolences? Build a conscience in your church that will not allow such defalcations to stand.

Our causes must have more money. Nobody but the leaders of our churches can get it. Dear Leaders, it is up to you in the highest sense. Eternal interests, immortal vitalities hinge upon all the conduct of Southern Baptist leaders in the next few days. God help us to speedily arouse our people, secure from them Christ's share in their holdings and send it in to their state treasurers in order that our causes may be saved, our credit be unembarrassed, our good name preserved, and a saving gospel given to a needy, dying world.

Problem of the Working Boy

This is a book that will appeal to preachers, teachers in Sunday School, day school or college, to Y. M. C. A. secretaries, and those in charge of boys or their training anywhere. It is the product of experience with boys. There are twenty-two brief chapters, making nearly 200 pages on topics that are very practical. Many will welcome the help and suggestions it brings. It is by Wm. McCormick, author of two other books about work with boys. Published by Fleming H. Revell; price \$1.25.

Mrs. J. H. Boyett wife of a former pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, passed away in Oklahoma March 6.

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DR. TRUETT IN JACKSON

The Campaign managers were fortunate in securing Dr. Truett of Dallas for one engagement in Mississippi. It was easy to reach more people in Jackson than any other point, and the First Church was open, and filled to overflowing. Great numbers of people were turned away for lack of room, although the day was rainy. They came in automobiles from a radius of nearly a hundred miles, and the trains did good missionary work of the same kind.

Dr. Gunter had arranged a plan by which the great congregation might hear some of our own best men, on "If We Fail". These included Drs. King, J. P. Williams, J. A. Taylor, B. H. Lovelace, J. C. Greenoe, J. E. Wills, A. F. O'Kelly and J. M. Mayfield. The singing was led by Mississippi College Quartet. Dr. W. A. Hewitt gave Dr. Truett a hearty welcome to Mississippi and a favorable introduction.

Dr. Truett began by showing that it is the spirit which makes a man, or a nation, or a movement, and that the spirit of God breathed upon the whole assembly of people in Convention in Atlanta when this movement was launched. He showed how the impact of its power had been felt in every mission field and every nation under heaven. How it arms had undergirded with strength every Baptist institution for education or for relief of suffering. How its work had flowered and fruited in the salvation of lost men in the mission fields of the home land and of many foreign lands. How it had quickened with hope and gladness the hearts of our Baptist brethren in the land of Europe where they have been persecuted and discouraged. How it had put the cup of cold water to the lips of faithful and weary laborers who had grown old in service. How it had put bread in the mouths of orphan children and provided them Christian training.

He told of a conversation with Rockefeller in which the multi-millionaire asked him if he taught his people to give, the poor as well as the well to do. To illustrate the value of attention to the poor, Mr. Rockefeller told of his being received into the church when a mere boy among many other boys. The pastor was greatly rejoiced at the salvation that had come to so many of his young people and in his exuberant spirit told a dead man as they dismissed, how grateful to God he was for the coming of these boys. The deacon replied almost cynically, "Pastor, I doubt if you have added five dollars a year to our collections in the whole bunch." One of these same boys afterwards gave at one time his check for fifty millions of dollars for benevolence.

The speaker's soul was in his message and the people followed him with genuine sympathy. It seemed a day of setting forward our hopes for large things in Mississippi and we believe the people went away thoughtful, prayerful, purposeful. After all it is not in hearing the message but in doing the work that our greatest joy is to come.

RELIGIOUS PARASITES

A parasite is an animal (or plant) that lives on another, such as a mosquito or flea, or mistletoe. These are consumers and not producers. They cannot and do not make a living for themselves or have any life independent of the objects whose vitality they draw upon. They serve no perceptibly useful purpose, and perish if they are separated from the living thing on which they live.

These creatures have their analogies or parallels in every community and probably every church. They reverse the Christian motto into "We come not to minister but to be ministered unto." They go to church not to give something or do something, but merely to get something. They are suckers and not supporters. This characterization applies not only financially but spiritually. They live on the emotions of others, having none that originate in themselves. They like to hear a great preacher, or a great sermon. They feel something stir within them as they come in contact with the great spiritual passion of God's messenger. They drink at the fountain of his eloquence or his compassion, but no fountains are opened in their own souls and lives from which others may drink. Their religious experiences are all second hand, and of course do not last well or produce them in others.

They like to hear a great sermon on answered prayers, but they themselves do not pray. They are warmed by the personal testimony of somebody else, but they can relate no vital experience. They like to hear a luminous discourse on the glories of heaven, but they make no move or preparation to reach it or enjoy it. They are fond of getting into the warm atmosphere of a revival, and when it is over they are like a warmed over biscuit, rather harder and more tasteless. They are campfollowers and even praisers of God's army, but they never shoot a gun or thrust a bayonet. They are volatile and vaporous in praise of the visiting minister, but do not in any helpful way support their own pastor. They are bench-warmers at a protracted meeting and enjoy the luxury of spiritual zephyrs, or even a slight cyclonic shock. But they do not stir up anything themselves. They hang around the spiritual bakers shop to catch the stimulating smell of the yeast, or the odor of vanilla, but they do not give the bread of life to the hungry and perishing. These folks are the by-products of Christianity, not the intended output. Rather are they not the froth and foam of the stream of Christian life as it makes its way through a thirsty and sin stained world?

But had it occurred to you that parasites are not only unproductive and useless; they are disease breeders and carriers. That's where the world gets its malaria and yellow fever, and cholera and bubonic plague. And that's where we get our heretics and false prophets. They went out from us because they were not of us. They were fertile soil for any foolish notion and new thought and new theology that came along. That's where you get your Christian scientists, and Unitarians, and rationalists. They had no root in themselves and withered away. They are carried about with every wind of doctrine in cunning craftiness after the wiley manners of error. Among these any and every false notion spreads like fire in a dry thicket; like small pox in filth; like all diseases in dirt.

The only hope for such people is really to be born again and that is mighty hard. They have undergone a sort of vaccination against a genuine case of religion by borrowing somebody else's experience. The best treatment is preventive. Let us preach and pray and work that the people who come into contact with religion, may really learn to know the Lord, to get their experience from Him and not from us. Our trouble is we've got too many Sunday School raised Christians instead of the God made variety. Too many who have got their religion at second hand bargain stores.

THE ONLY WAY OUT

For more than eleven years this writer has been trying to bring, through The Baptist Record each week, some needed message to our Baptist people. In all this time he has never written a line which expressed a profounder conviction or undertook to disclose a more serious situation. We have become inured to crises and many perhaps are callous to the perennial cry of distress; but if we are able to sense the true situation, the peril of our work is more serious and the promise for the future more in jeopardy than we have known it in all its history. Conditions with our work in Mississippi are not threatening, and are not giving us immediate concern. But our Home and Foreign Mission Boards have never before carried the burdens which now weigh them down. The plans for the future are in danger of being seriously crippled if relief does not come in the next few weeks.

Preaching and exhortation are not sufficient to help us out of the danger, though they have their place and part. All our plans, organizations, inspirational meetings, and urging are very proper but without one other factor they will be absolutely fruitless. Unless God's people humble themselves and pray and seek His face there is no hope for us. There is nobody who can summon all the hosts of God to a day of fasting and prayer. But each one of us can make his own approach to God, and can sanctify himself to his service by prayer and separation from earthly desire. The victory is always in the grasp of those who pray. He says, "Ask of Me and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession."

This is God's way and it has never failed. There is no chance on earth to fail if God's people pray. There is no chance on earth to succeed if they do not. We must acknowledge that the power and purpose and work are of God, and that the victory and the honor and glory are His. He says, "My glory will I not give to another. For Mine own sake, even for Mine own sake, will I do it." Is. 48:11. God brings us to our knees in prayer that we may be sifted and winnowed of all self-seeking and self-confidence. He did not let Jacob go back to his home and rest in the land of promise until he had emptied him of pride and self trust. He had to scare the life almost out of him, and the angel of the Lord wrestled with Jacob all night long. If there are some Peniel experiences in this month of April in which the Lord's people shall see Him face to face, there will be a great Convention in Kansas City. We shall be humbled before God before then or we will be humiliated before Him and before the world there and thereafter.

The first meeting of any kind in the new church at Clinton was a banquet for men held in the ample basement Sunday School room on Thursday night, March 29th. Superintendent W. N. Taylor and Prof. Hitt, who teaches the Men's Bible Class, issued a call to the men of Clinton, who came in good number and quality. The women served a good luncheon and the men did the talking. There were half a dozen or more good speeches by Clinton men, and two by Brethren Gober and Jacobs of Jackson, who are doing good work in this line. It is believed the effort will line up a large number of new men and inspire the regulars for work in an organized class. A movement was also started to return the favor of the women by giving them a banquet.

Rev. A. J. Dickinson, Jr., of Tupelo, has been called to Jonesboro, Ark., the pastorate made vacant some months ago by the going of Dr. Crouch to the Home Board. Brother Dickinson has made many friends in Mississippi and if he decides to go to Jonesboro, his leaving us will be sincerely regretted.

Mt. Manna Church in Tate county was burned on a recent Sunday just when the people had assembled for worship.

Convention Board Department

R. B. Gunter, Corresponding Secretary

Was the man right who wrote that the Baptist who says most about his liberty in religious work being interfered with is the man who demonstrates to the public that he is the one who needs most to have someone direct his course for him in order that he may grow in grace and glorify God in his life?

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS' ABILITY

Have you tried to persuade yourself that you are too poor to take care of your obligations to God's work as expressed in the 75 Million Campaign?

There are 185,112 Baptists in Mississippi. Their per capita income is \$351.00 per year. The total income of Mississippi Baptists is \$64,974,312.00 per year. A tithe of this amount for one year would be nearly twice as much as our quota to the 75 Million Campaign for five years. What we need is the will and the desire. Statisticians say that our clothing, food, car, tobacco, face powder, baseball, and movie bills indicate that we have plenty of money to spend. One man last year who paid \$50.00 to the seven great causes of the 75 Million Campaign paid \$250.00 for baseball. Our present need is consecrated money.

THE EARNING VALUE OF A BAPTIST DOLLAR is seen in the results of our labors since the Campaign began. There have been 770,568 baptisms. The net gain in church membership has been 480,208. 3,536 Sunday Schools have been organized and a gain of enrollment of 485,626 pupils has been noted. 7,320 B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized with a gain of 22,709 members. 6,694 new local Woman's Missionary Union organizations have been formed. The value of local church property has gained to the amount of \$45,868,421.00. Last year's contributions to all purposes showed a gain of \$14,656,183.00 over the last year preceding the Campaign.

THE WORLD'S CALL FOR A BAPTIST MESSAGE

A Baptist church in Russia recently baptized 3,000 persons in a single day. A Baptist worker in Russia has had 500 converts a month for eighteen successive months. 900 million unsaved people are offered to the Baptist denomination as pupils. In the face of this Southern Baptists expended last year less than Two Million Dollars in carrying out a world program.

PRESENT STANDING

At this writing (March 30th) we have received since May 1st, 1922, on the Campaign \$240,268.64. This leaves \$459,731.36 to be paid by May 1st. This means \$15,324.00 per day.

With the exception of October, collections have been some better every month than they were last year for the same time. But preachers have the greatest opportunity of their lives for the next month in showing their love for lost humanity and for the Cause of Christ. Nothing short of a heroic ministry will save the situation. This will do it.

WHERE ARE MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS?

As State Secretary and Chairman of the Conservation Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, we join in this appeal to the leadership of our Baptist people concerning the collections for the causes. The 75 Million Campaign has been, thus far, a marvelous achievement for Christ and His world program. The financial success (nearly \$39,000,000 in cash had been col-

lected to January 1st) and the spiritual blessings upon our work have been cheering indeed.

But the task is yet unfinished and we are at a critical and perilous stage. All we hold dear in our Savior's name is pressed and in stupendous need of a great state and South-wide co-operation on the part of our leaders and churches. Our Home and Foreign Mission Boards have on them now, after painful reductions along all lines, almost crushing obligations and before them unprecedented and challenging opportunities. All other causes are being pressed with unusual responsibilities in carrying forward the work.

Our people are recovering from the economic stress of recent years. We face a day for heroic, sacrificial leadership for our pastors and others to boldly face our situation; call our people to prayer, to loyalty to Christ, to putting first things first, back from worldly indulgences and investments to the highest standards of Christian stewardship and Gospel trusteeship, back to the spirit of Calvary, the self-denying sacrificial life. We urge you in Christ's name, under the stress of Kingdom responsibilities, to call your people to prayer, to preach on the motives, calls, achievements, and world obligation of missions. Call your leading forces together and put on their consciences the call of the crisis in our causes. Organize them to bring every possible member into loyal contributing co-operation in this spring round-up.

We must win but we can not win without you, your leadership, and the co-operation of your people. Defeat would shame us all and imperil Christ's causes and a lost world. Success will rejoice heaven and earth and send a saving gospel to a needy world. We would if we could transfer to your loyal soul the unspeakable stress and anxiety of our hearts. Let nothing be left undone in the circle of your leadership and influence to bring a complete victory for Christ before April 30th.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for this year appropriated \$45,000 more for State Missions than was received last year for State Missions. Mississippi has never failed, but nothing short of a miracle will enable us to carry out the program for this year.

Yours with a will to win,

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y,
L. R. SCARBOROUGH,

Chairman of Conservation Commission.

The religious papers are being flooded with copy in the interest of "political prisoners" that is of people who were guilty of crimes close to treason during the late war. They are signed by a man with a German name and go out under the name of "General Defense Committee". If these men are not punished there is no security for the state.

Here is a question in arithmetic: For the first 28 days in March the collections for all the objects of the Campaign which came to the Secretary's office from Mississippi Baptists was \$8,000 more than the same time last year. That is one third increase. What was it last year? What this?

Brother L. G. Cleverdon of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans has accepted the call to Raymond church for half time, giving the other half to Terry. He has entered upon his work with good prospects and the church is giving him a cordial welcome and hearty support.

IN CLINTON CHURCH

The people all over the state have shown a great interest in the church at Clinton, and many from other places were there Sunday when it was opened for the first time. Through all the years these people have worshipped in the college chapel, but now they have one of the most beautiful houses in the state. They were never so happy before, a solemn, thankful joy, for their hearts were subdued with the memory of God's goodness, and thankfulness to many friends who had assisted. There were over 600 reported in Sunday School, and there must have been a thousand people at the morning service. The galleries and Sunday School rooms were full.

The program as published last week in the Record was carried out. Dr. B. D. Gray was in his happiest humor and preached to the joy of all. The music under Prof. Kalinowski's direction was inspiring. We are sorry that space does not permit us to give a full report of the sermon. Dr. Gray emphasized the fact that the church stood for the spiritual and worship must be in spirit. But he showed how material conditions contributed to the worship. Pastor Lovelace guided the whole hour graciously and with reverence.

Dr. Zeno Wall, former pastor, under whose direction the foundations were laid, preached with power at night on "A New Earth". He dwelt on the history of the church movement and made everybody glad and grateful as he showed how it was consummated. He received a great ovation from everybody on this return visit, and the students of Mississippi College gave him a handsome loving cup. One was received by letter and one for baptism at the evening service.

The church was not dedicated for the reason that there is a very large debt remaining on it, but the heroic people who have carried the enterprise thus far are determined to see it through. Nearly every window in the church is a memorial window contributed by somebody. The seats are handsome; the aisles are carpeted with rubber. There are thirty-three Sunday School rooms, all occupied. The State Board is helping and the Home Board gave \$10,000. The cost of the church is about \$100,000.

Learn To Live

By Daniel A. Poling. Published by Fleming H. Revell; price \$1.50. The author is associate president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor; also associate pastor with Dr. David J. Burrell. The sixteen chapters are largely studies of Bible incidents and are spiritually quickening. The last five probably gave the title to the book, treating How To Be Born, How To Live, How To Die, How To Live Forever, and Do The Dead Return? The others deal with practical life problems and experiences, and will help the reader to learn to live.

We regret not being able to publish the report of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention a week ago, but the manuscript came in too late for the printer. The editor was prevented from attendance on the convention by sickness in his home. The excellent report which you have this week is by Brother Owen Williams.

Dr. R. A. Kimbrough accepts the call to Charleston and will begin his work there May 1st. He has been for several years enlistment missionary for the northeastern section of the state. He has been a successful pastor at Blue Mountain and Vicksburg and we are not surprised that his heart turns again to this work.

Please do not send to the Baptist Record any subscription to Sunday School lessons or for any other weekly or monthly paper. It is sure to cause delay and may cause confusion. We cannot be responsible for these subscriptions.

KOSCIUSKO ASSOCIATION RALLIES

The churches of Kosciusko Association are planning Rally meetings for every Sunday until May first. Capable laymen are to assist the pastors in these meetings, by making five or ten minute talks on such subjects as: Orphans' Homes, Hospitals, Aged Preachers' Support, Christian Education, and Missions, rather than to talk abstractly about "The Campaign". Such bands of laymen have been called "Minute Men", probably because they are expected to talk only a few minutes on these subjects. All pastors are requested to form such bands of "Minute Men" from their churches, who are willing to go to any church within their reach to assist in these rallies. Many churches will have all-day meetings with "dinner on the ground", with talks and singing before and after dinner. Churches desiring the assistance of these "Minute Men" may secure them by applying to Pastors D. I. Young, at McCool; H. T. Vaughn, McAdams; Ladd, at Sallis; or J. W. White and A. T. Cinnamon, Kosciusko.

The main purpose of these rallies is to inform and inspire our people concerning our denominational activities. They should also be a valuable preparation for revival meetings this summer.

Pastor Cinnamon and his "Minute Men" and choir were invited to assist Pastor J. W. White last Sunday at Ebenezer church. A fine crowd of folks were there, and all had a great time. Pastor White and several of his laymen spoke in the forenoon, then a sumptuous dinner was served and enjoyed. After dinner, more short talks were interspersed with special and congregational music, closing with a nice cash offering for these objects which had been discussed.

By invitation, the Kosciusko band will assist in a rally at Jerusalem church next Sunday, and at New Salem first Sunday in April. They are open for other engagements, after those dates. Brother Pastor, superintendent, or member of executive board, let us make use of these rallies to arouse our churches to more active service for our Master. They will surely prove a blessing if we do.

A. T. CINNAMOND, Moderator.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1923

The Sixty-eighth session (seventy-eighth year) of the Southern Baptist Convention will open in Kansas City, Missouri, at 10 A. M. Wednesday, May 16, 1923, and is expected to adjourn on the Monday following.

The preacher of the Convention Sermon will be R. R. G. Bowers, D. D., Texas, or his alternate, Rev. T. C. Skinner, D. D., South Carolina.

The sessions of the Convention will be held in Convention Hall at corner of Central and Thirtieth Streets, which is in the heart of the business district and within three blocks of headquarters hotel, the Baltimore.

Registration

The Secretaries' office for the registration of messengers will be open in the lobby within the main (Thirteenth Street) entrance of Convention Hall from 8:30 A. M., Tuesday, May 15, and daily from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. the remainder of the week. Messengers should register as soon as possible after reaching Kansas City.

Credentials

All messengers must present in person their credentials. Each messenger on the Financial Basis (Class I) should present a card signed and supplied on request by the Corresponding or General Secretary in his State. Each messenger on the Association Basis (Class II) should bring a printed copy of the Association Minutes containing his appointment, or a written certificate from the Moderator or Clerk of the Association. All names and postoffices, if not printed, should be very plainly written, preferably typewritten, so as to insure accuracy in the list which will appear in the Convention Annual.

On the acceptance of his or her credentials, each messenger will receive a badge which will admit to the floor of the Convention.

Railroad Rates

Reduced rates to the Convention on the basis of fare and one-half for the round trip with minimum of \$1 for the round trip have been granted by the following Passenger Associations:

The Southeastern, the Southwestern, the Central and the New England, from all points;

The Western from all points in Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri under its jurisdiction, also from New Mexico;

The Trunk Line from points in New York State (east of Buffalo and Salamanca), New Jersey, Pennsylvania (east of Erie, Oil City and Pittsburgh), Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia (east of Wheeling, Parkersburg and Kenova).

Round trip tickets will be sold upon presentation of Identification Certificates to ticket agents at time of purchase of tickets. These Identification Certificates are in the hands of State Secretaries for distribution, on application, to messengers from their respective States, each Certificate being good also for dependent members of the holder's family.

Round trip tickets, good via the same route in both directions, will be sold May 12 to 18, inclusive, and will be good to reach original starting points returning prior to midnight of May 26.

Tickets will be validated in Kansas City by ticket agents at the regular ticket offices of the lines over which the tickets read into Kansas City on any date to and including final return limit, and when validated will be good for return leaving Kansas City on any date within final return limit, but passenger must reach original starting point prior to midnight of May 26.

EDGAR Y. MULLINS, Pres.

Hight C. Moore,

J. Henry Burnett, Secretaries.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, May 16-21, 1923. The opening session which will feature the work done by S. B. C. women foreign missionaries, will convene at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, the 16th, the final regular session occurring on Friday night, the 18th, when the program will be in the interest of W. M. U. organizations among the young people. It is sincerely hoped that at each session many visitors as well as delegates and vice-presidents will be in attendance. On Wednesday, the 16th, beginning at 9 A. M., the annual meetings of the Margaret Fund Committee, Boards of W. M. U. Training School and W. M. U. Executive Committee will be held. These three meetings will take place in the Doric Room on the parlor floor of the Baltimore Hotel, which is headquarters hotel. On this same floor W. M. U. delegates and visitors will be registered beginning Tuesday noon, the 15th, and continuing through Wednesday. That night registration will be transferred to the Grand Avenue Temple.

The W. M. U. sermon will be preached on Sunday morning, the 20th, at Calvary Baptist Church. The W. M. U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council will hold its annual all-day session on Monday, the 21st.

MRS. W. C. JAMES, W. M. U. Pres.
KATHLEEN MALLORY, Cor. Sec.

LOUISVILLE, APRIL 19-20, 1923

The State Sunday School Convention will meet at Louisville, Miss., April 19-20. Free entertainment. One and one half round trip rate certificate plan. Among the speakers are R. M. Hopkins, Chicago; J. Lee Tapley, Dallas; Rev. R. B. Gunter, Rev. R. H. B. Gladney, Rev. O. P. Armour, Miss Grace Gilbert, Prof. R. L. Landis, Bishop Bratton, representing all denominations. The program will cover every phase of Sunday School work. Come. Fred. Long.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT TO BLAME

By Lida B. Robertson

As one whose life time has been devoted to the young, in teaching them the Bible and giving them pleasures, my heart aches over plunging all "ideals" and "standards" into chaotic quagmire—by their elders. In visits and summerings in distant states the one cry is the "reckless and unhallowed conduct of the young." In their defense I write: They are not to blame but their "over-heads" are the criminals, be they parents, teachers, educators, books or "movies." Our precious young people, who, in the hot blood of youth have temptations enough through their own follies, to face without our turning them over to loose morals on every side, movies and movie stars of Hollywood, (the foulest spot of misconduct, divorce, drinking, cursing and dope) breaking down every iota of decorum between men and women, and flinging away every precedent of moral integrity, for our young to behold and to imitate. And further, without argument or parley, here are some facts thrust upon our young by their "elders" that speak for themselves, which it behooves educational boards, parents, college presidents, teachers, editors of daily and religious papers, clubwomen, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and all others to face, that we are sowing the wind to reap the whirlwind of our "educated" young, and the low morale with which we are encircling them and educating them, with book-writers, teacher magazines, and teachers over them. Here are some vivid facts culled, of the many, by my own eyes.

At night in a city of Alabama to pump up "pep" for a forthcoming foot ball game, between high schools, the student body met on the streets and swirled up one street and down another over town in a rowdy, riotous snake-dance. Were these young people to blame? No. And was anything gained by them in "morale" for the school or city by such?

In another state at a beautiful musical recital in the high school auditorium, the high school boys rolled the pretty printed programs into balls and with small rubbers shot the girls at the pianos, playing. Maybe the bare knees and exposed flesh six inches above the knees, of girls thirteen and fourteen, swirling around in pantomime motions on the rostrum, lured them to the acts. If mothers, who buy the fashions for girls, sanction and permit such, are the young people to blame? Nay.

I attended a beautiful closing exercise of a grammar school in another state and two numbers shocked the better element of the audience. One teacher had her grade present a burlesque upon the entire faculty of the school, the supervisor, and superintendent of the high school—a fine way for children to imbibe respect for those over them, which they imitated in "ridicule" to the entire town. The other was a May queen performance which ended in a crowning scene, and they sang to that magnificent hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" the words, "Crown her queen of all," to the jolt of the entire Christian audience. I knew instantly where she got it—and she had, out of a teacher's magazine. I challenged her and she ignored the travesty, saying, "it was different words if it was the same tune." Neither that young teacher, nor those children were to blame—the "over-heads" were to blame. But can the young grow up as worth while citizens who are trained in their tenderest years disrespect and ridicule for teachers and school authorities and for holy things transposed into trite nonesense? No.

One night I was in an auto riding to a beautiful commencement and picture my consternation when all five boys who were in the auto with us and the only daughter, a girl of fifteen, and three others her age, were hurrying along the dark street by themselves to the school building, in some scheme which made them walk and not ride—and the distance was far. Were those girls

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Mississippi Program

BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

N. T. Tull, State Organizer

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INFORMATION

We are very anxious to furnish any information that will aid any worker of any church in the April Cash Campaign. If you need some special information, write to this department and we will furnish it. We believe we can get it and we will get it.

We are publishing on the back page of this issue a very striking array of figures. Look down the list of counties and you will see that many owe more than they have paid, and yet we are in the fourth year of the campaign. These figures show clearly why we are in the midst of a great crisis.

Full-Time Churches

We would urge that the full-time churches not overlook the importance of putting on the All-Day Service during April in the interest of the Cash Campaign. Fix some Sunday and work up to it and make it a Pay-Up Day, and use every department and every service on that day for stressing the campaign.

The Jackson Churches have fixed Sunday April 22nd for general Pay-Up Day and they are hoping on that day to have the people bring the money

to the Lord's House and lay upon the altar thousands of dollars.

Special Speakers

We are sending out, under the direction of this office, thirty-five different speakers who will visit hundreds of the town and city churches during April, speaking at least twice each day. We are hoping that the pastors and churches will undertake on the day the speakers reach them to launch the Cash Campaign in the church. Under the inspiration of a new voice this occasion should be used for getting actual cash results. The fact is, that is the purpose of the Board in arranging for these special speakers.

Are the Associations Ready?

We believe that we have the best organization perfected in the state that we have had since the Campaign was originally launched. The associations seem to be lined up for the All-Day Meetings in all the churches in April. If your association is not ready to put these special days on in every church, call for help. Our Enlistment men, our Sunday School Forces, and our B. Y. P. U. Forces are all ready to devote their full time in April to the Cash Campaign.

to blame to be turned loose at night to tramp the streets by themselves, even if they did scheme it?

At a religious meeting in a church of young folks organized to train them, I heard a darling girl recite a piece with "dam" and "counfound it," in it. Was that little girl to blame? No, the writer, to be funny, and the teacher. But can that girl grow up with clean lips?

I know a woman of mature years, who has young girls under her in a business, she employed like they are, and she sits up and smokes cigarettes in office hours over those girls. Should she be over "girls?"

Now for the climax. It is against the state law of Alabama and the laws of God, in the Bible, for women to wear men's clothes in public. Yet it has become the "cute" fad for married women, mothers of girls, and for teachers in standard colleges to borrow khaki suits from men and take girls on hikes, all of them in men's clothes. It has even seeped into B. Y. P. U.'s in our young people's "social" functions. Who is to blame for this? Not the young people but the "over-heads." This too, when it is a known fact that "criminal women" aiding bootleggers, safe blowers, outlaws of all kinds use breeches, to hide behind, as men, to accomplish their misdeeds. And who is to blame for our precious young people appearing publicly in such a low standard? Their "elders," are the culprits.

Those of us who love the young, and hope for the best and the kindest for them in everything and every way, are heartbroken over the flinging away of every elegance of self-culture in their own lives, and demanding the high respect, which they are entitled to from men, boys and the world, for the mess of pottage termed "modernism" and the "new woman" dumped upon them in their tender years, by their elders and those over head. And again I say, they are not to blame. Their over-heads are the criminals. They know better, but the young are the victims. —Alabama Baptist.

It is said that Mound Bayou, a town in Bolivar county composed wholly of Negroes, has not had a jail for 25 years. They have a \$50,000 school building, a hospital, a bank and several churches.

NEEDED—A DEEPER SENSE OF SIN

Men are asking, What is the matter with the world? What can be done to check evil tendencies of individuals and nations? What remedies will cure the disorders of society? What measures can be adopted to allay suspicion and strife, restlessness and rancor, cynicism and criticism?

The world is suffering from no new malady. Through all the centuries since man's first disobedience it has been cursed by sin. Iniquity may express itself in new forms, but it issues out of the hearts of men, the seed beds of sin. Out of the heart, said our Savior, come evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Social, economic, political and religious programs will avail nothing unless the sins of men are laid bare, confessed by men, and forgiven by Almighty God.

Why do men and women revel in the excesses of unlawful pleasures and illicit joys? Why do divorces increase in number until in some communities the divorce docket is almost as long as the list of marriages? Why is our land polluted by the plague of filthy literature? Why are sensual, degrading picture shows filled to overflowing? Why is music debased by jazz orgies and art desecrated by voluptuous pictures? Why are the papers filled with the sordid stories of shame and scandal, of robberies, defalcations and murders?

There is only one answer—SIN.

There is an old Book which tells us about sin, its consequences and its cure. That Book tells us that the wages of sin is Death. That Book tells us that sins of men will find them out. That Book tells us that whatsoever men sow that will they also reap.

For a season, the world goes on jazz-dancing down the broad white way, but that way ends every time in darkness. At the end are the ruined and damned souls of multitudes, deceived by sin, whose wails of despair are heard from the depths and who plead that the gospel of repentance and regeneration and redemption be preached to their brothers. In their day they laughed at the preachers and despised holy things, but now, consumed by eternal remorse, they lift up their voices in

intercession for their brothers who are lured to destruction by the bright lights of sin.

The only cure for sin is found in this old Book we call the Bible. God have mercy on the preacher who does not find in this Book humanity's only deliverance, who does not condemn sin, who makes Christ a mere man, who leaves out the Blood!

Let us everywhere warn men of their sins and the just judgments of God to come; let us take for our text, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"; let us tell men that except they be born again they cannot see the kingdom of heaven; that the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

Let us learn lessons from John the Baptist in the wilderness; from Savonarola in Florence; from John Wesley, and Jonathan Edwards and Charles H. Spurgeon. Let Christ's preachers denounce sin in the fear of God, with the power of the Spirit, until men shall cry out, "What shall I do to be saved?"

Let our churches insist on sinners being saved before they come into the fellowship of the redeemed. Here is a Scripture we need to consider: "As many as were saved were added to the church." In many churches we have been so eager to get members that we are in danger of neglecting to emphasize repentance and regeneration. Religion may be made so popular that the standards will be lowered and sin be made to appear respectable.

Let us not make church membership too easy. Let us insist always that men repent of their sins and be regenerated by the Divine Spirit. Let us keep the churches separate from the world.

Let us reinforce the preaching of righteousness by the right sort of living. Let us convince sinners that Christ is real; that God has power to save from sin, and to keep unspotted from the world those who have repented of their sins and have been begotten again by the Living Word.

Our greatest need is the sort of preaching and living in the power of God which will cause men and women everywhere to cry out, with broken and contrite hearts, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."—Baptist Standard.

THE "PENILESS MILLIONAIRE"

A few days ago the city of Philadelphia awarded the prize of \$10,000 and a gold medal for serving best the city during 1922 to a man who is eighty years old. This means that he must have been very active last year at the age of seventy-nine. It was Dr. Russell H. Conwell who received the prize. He is one of the most remarkable men in America. As pastor of Grace Baptist Church and then of Grace Baptist Temple, as head of Temple University (which started with only two men), as a prominent lecturer, as a Christian humanitarian whose benefactions have been enormous, Dr. Conwell fills a large place in American life. He has delivered his most celebrated lecture more than 6,000 times. The proceeds have exceeded \$10,000,000. But today he is known as the "Peniless millionaire." He has given it all and much more to assist worthy young men in pursuing college courses. He has now no property except his home, which has been mortgaged. He never owned an automobile until a friend gave him a Ford. The value of such a man cannot be calculated in dollars and cents.—Christian Advocate.

All expecting to go to the Southern Baptist Convention must get cards from Dr. R. B. Gunter of Jackson indicating their appointment as messengers. This is the only way to get a seat in the Convention. Also if you do not expect to travel on a clergy permit you must get a certificate from him which will enable you to get reduced fare on the railroads. Send a self addressed stamped envelope.

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This is the last issue of the Record before our State W. M. U. Convention. We trust that letters all over the State are prayerfully preparing for that meeting. All who can go, will we are sure, do so. And those that are kept away will remember daily those who are in session, attending to our part of Kingdom Work.

Will all who propose to attend be sure to send in names to Miss Jennie Watts, so that homes may be provided. If after sending in your name, should something prevent your attending the meeting, be sure and notify Miss Watts, so that your home may be given to another.

Read carefully the programs in last week's issue as well as the further programs on this page. Our Young People's Leader and our College Correspondent are both putting much time and prayer on their respective programs.

Your attention is also called to the suggested topics for discussion at the Counsel Meeting to be held the day before the regular Convention. This meeting will open at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning April 10 and last for the greater part of the day. Come and bring your problems, especially those pertaining to young people's work.

Other counsel meetings will be held each morning from 8:30 to 9:30 by our Personal Service Leader, our Mission Study Leader and by Superintendents. Valuable help may be obtained from any one of these. Let us each one see that we attend one of them.

Of course we are all looking forward with much pleasure as well as profit to the messages that will be brought us by our Mrs. McLure, "Mother" of the Training School. She will speak for us on three different occasions.

Then our missionaries will prove an inspiration and blessing. How thankful we are that we will probably have two with us; one from China and one from Japan. Again all who possibly can attend are urged to do so.

Suggested Program for State Conference on Young People's Work

To be held Tuesday, April 10—opening at 10 o'clock. Continuing until 4 P. M.

Devotional.

Co-operation of the District Counselor and Associational Leader.

Duties of Associational Officers discussed from the standpoint of those outlined—proposed new ones.

How can I help my Associational Leader?

G. A. Installation Service—Discussion.

Y. W. A. Business Meeting—Discussion.

How can we correlate the Boy Scout and R. A. work in our Baptist Churches?

Help derived from the Correspondence Course.

Should we appropriate the Auxiliaries during the Campaign?

9. General discussion of the best mission study books for all grades.
10. Benefits derived from Y. W. A. Mission Study Course.

State W. M. U. Meeting of Young People's Session

Wednesday Afternoon, April 11

Hymn: O Worship the King.

Devotional.

Report of Training School Trustee, Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Demonstration by Auxiliaries of Industrial Institute and Training School

P—PRAYER

Hymn, "In the Secret of His Presence" (Y. W. A.'s)

L—LOYALTY

Hymn, "Loyalty" (G. A.'s)

A—AIMS

Hymn, "The King's Business" (R. A.'s)

N—NEEDS

Hymn, "Bring Them In" ((Sunbeams)

S—STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

Message in song, Miss Mai Dampeer.

Address, Mrs. Maude R. McLure.

My Dear-Miss Lackey:

"What more shall we say then?" Shall we pile up superlatives to try to say how fine we think "From Strength to Strength" is?

Doesn't the Good Book say something about letting our "conversation be yea, yea, nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil"—meaning, I take it, that simple speech backed by sincerity means more than many protestations without it? Sincerely then, your latest book presents facts, without triteness, statistics without dullness, and homilies, without bromides, and over and through all, the charm of a pen consecrated to a loving service.

A copy from the Home Board came just as I was preparing a program for the W. M. S. Week of Prayer and our College Y. W. A. program. The material it contained was just what I needed in just the form I wanted it, and interested and pleased the College girls especially.

Mission study classes will be hard indeed to please if they do not find it a most readable and profitable book.

One more added to the long list of "Services Rendered" by the author. The bill can only be cancelled by the loving appreciation of those whom you have helped.

By the way do you suppose Coue ever thought he was the originator of that "better and better" doctrine of his? Not if he had ever heard of David's song of praise!

Blessings on you my friend!—may you continue to epitomize and exemplify your own well chosen title—From Strength to Strength.

Cordially yours,

LILY W. RILEY.

Kansas City Getting Ready for the Southern Baptist Convention

Kansas City Baptists are very busy folks at this time. Men and women, pastors and people are drawn together to plan for a coming event which we are looking forward to with great pleasure. We are rejoicing over the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention is coming to Kansas City, "The Heart of America". We are anticipating some refreshing times. We are anxious to greet that great body of Baptist people who realize that they must be about their Father's business. Kansas City has entertained many conventions. Old Convention Hall has spread her massive roof over many a gathering of people for different causes. Many a religious service has been conducted under her broad wings, and she has listened to many a prayer and heard hundreds of addresses, but there has never been a greater body of people banded together for a greater cause than this one that is coming in May; women and men from all over the southland, coming as with one consent to worship, pray and work. **Our Father's Business?** Yes, we must be about our Father's business, and, oh, what a joy it is to see men, mighty men, giving time and effort to conduct in a most efficient way the business of our Heavenly Father! How beautiful it is to see women forgetting the frivolities of life and the thrilling round of worldly things that they may sit at the Master's feet and learn of Him and then go forth for finer service!

The "Heart of America" is made to rejoice at the anticipation of being hostess to such a company of men and women. We are expecting that we will be uplifted and our spiritual life strengthened. We are planning to make you comfortable in every way that we can and we truly enjoy getting ready for you. Kansas City is cleaning house and getting her "guest chambers" ready for you, and she is hoping that you will so thoroughly enjoy your stay with her that you will want to come again. Every city needs such a gathering as this will be to awaken it to its spiritual duties, and the Baptists of Kansas City feel that they need your coming to awaken in them a new zeal and a greater desire to do bigger, better work; to spread out to broader fields of usefulness; to reach up to greater heights of Divine power and to stoop down that we might be more helpful to the needy. Baptist Women of the south, we welcome your coming. We want to know you. We feel that we would like to get acquainted, and so we are just planning and working like bees to be all through our work and ready when you come, to meet you and show if we can how glad we are you have come. Yes, we are using lavender and white in decorating. They go beautifully together and when you see our badges that Mrs. Norvell is getting ready, I am sure you will like them and want to wear one, so be sure to come, so you can see our splendid city and all the lovely things we are planning for you, but most of all, be sure to come because we want you, we expect you, we need you. The Baptist women of Kansas City again extend to you their most cordial welcome and will be glad when you come.

MRS. GEORGE REICHEL,
 W. M. U. Publicity Chairman.

B. Y. P. U. Department

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Back to Earth

We are just now getting back to earth from our mountain top experience of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Columbus. My, but it was a great meeting. Not a dull moment in it from the start to the finish.

The Program

The program was carried out almost exactly as it was planned. We missed Mr. Strickland, who found at the last minute that he could not come, and Dr. Mayfield was detained and therefore failed to reach us, but all others were there and were ready for work.

The Speakers

Every speaker seemed to be inspired with the message he had to bring, and every listener was inspired by the messages that came from these mighty men. Dr. Powell, new in our state then, but now known and loved by fifteen hundred of us, gave us four messages that seemed to be burning with a living coal right off the altar of God, and oh how they did lift us up. Dr. Dodd in the three great addresses stirred our souls, and his message (an optimistic outlook) on the achievements of the 75 Million Campaign gave us new courage and a fighting spirit to finish the task we had begun. Mr. Preston, besides leading the two conferences on senior work, brought us two messages that made us as never before value the worth of the young people of our churches, speaking of them as "The unused power" and as "Diamonds in the rough". Miss Forbes seemed at her best as she came to us with her appeal for the elementary department of the S. S. Mr. Dodson, who came to represent Mr. Strickland, brought a timely message on the needs of the college student in the state school, and words fail us in estimating the value and powerful effect of the addresses of our own state men, Brother Wilds, Brother Morgan, Dr. Gunter, Brother Metts, Brother Johnson, Mr. John Latimer, Brother Franks.

The Music

Never before have we had as splendid music as we had at this meeting, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Posey and those whom they enlisted in helping out the musical program. We all were loath to have them give place to the other phases of the program. We had solos, quartets, choruses, piano solos and congregational singing, and how we did sing under the leadership of Brother Posey. We are sorry you missed it, if you did.

The Banquet

The Junior-Intermediate-Director Banquet, planned by Miss Morgan, was a success in every way. It was

an inspiration to have fifty interested leaders sit around one table and after introducing ourselves hear from some on special phases of the work that we were all interested in. It was a great occasion and one that will not soon be forgotten by those who had the privilege of attending.

The Presiding Officer

It would not be fair not to speak a word here with reference to our president, Mr. Strickland. The meeting was the more enjoyable because of his splendid way of carrying out the program. It was worth the trip to the convention just to be under the spell of his enthusiasm. We enjoyed also the sessions presided over by the vice-presidents, Mr. Mize and Mr. Smith. Mr. Strickland, according to our custom, was re-elected for a second year.

The Entertainment

"How did they do it?" "Wasn't it marvelous?" "I never had such a good time before", "Did you ever see such loyal people?" "I am sure we were welcome from the way they treated us", "I feel like I belong here, I have had such a cordial welcome", "I'll never forget Columbus for the delightful way in which they have entertained", etc., etc., were the remarks you would hear coming from the honest hearts of the delegates, and it was wonderful how they did it. Truly they call themselves by the right name, "The Friendly City". Everybody seemed to have the best home in town and we shall never cease to sing the praises of the Columbus people. Automobiles to carry us any where we wanted to go and hearts and homes open to our every wish. The college is also included in all the good remarks we can make with reference to the entertainment and the reception they gave us on Thursday afternoon was deeply appreciated.

It was a wonderful convention, and oh how we wished that every Mississippi Baptist could have been under the spell of it.

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? NOW HE IS OLD ?
 If he is'nt sick, he has reached the
 age when no church wants him.
 ? - - What will you do with him - - ?

The general financial depression is being tremendously felt in this office. It threatens retrenchment in every direction.

We have not thought too much about missions and education, but, certainly, far too little about the preacher in his old age. We are thinking too little about him now.

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Prohibition Paragraphs

T. J. Bailey, D. D., State Supt. Anti-Saloon League

An Authority Challenges Rum Smuggling

Hon. Edward C. Plummer, a leading maritime lawyer who relinquished active practice to become a member of the United States Shipping Board, was recently asked what his opinion is as to the rights of the United States in seizing ships which hover just outside the three-mile limit laden with contraband liquor. He replied:

"Shortly after the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment this question was submitted to me, and I then gave the opinion that when a vessel of any nationality takes her position off our shores, whether she anchors or is 'standing off and on' beyond the three-mile limit, and is there for the purpose of bringing intoxicating liquors into this country in violation of law, or for the purpose of violating any other national law, she becomes an international nuisance. She is no longer using the ocean highways for purposes of legitimate commerce and there will be found in the principles of international law a basis which will enable this country to rid itself of such nuisance. The manner in which the slave traders were dealt with years ago will be readily recalled."

It was suggested in this department two weeks ago that it would be much better to prevent than to remedy, citing the recent tragedy near Franklinton, Louisiana. Wiley Pierce and Wesley Crain, Deputy Sheriffs, were murdered. John Murphy and Gideon Rester have been sentenced to hang, and are now in jail at New Orleans, while Mack Little, Jap Little and Frank Carter have been sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty-two months each, as accessories to the gruesome murder. Several families are bereaved, two men to hang, three men to serve sentences in the penitentiary, and a great disruption in a community, all because of some lawless men.

At the rate our Governor is pardoning and suspending violators of the liquor laws, the citizens and courts have very little encouragement to give their energy and money to convict moonshiners and bootleggers. It would be safe to guess that in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred a person convicted in our courts gets only what is coming to him, or less. It ought also to be said here that, so far as the information received at this office goes, a very large proportion of violators of the liquor laws who are pardoned return to their old vocation of making and selling liquor.

The law-enforcement officers are much gratified at the results they are getting in the county courts. In fact, it is beginning to look like the county courts are doing better than the federal courts so far as conviction

tions of violators of the prohibition laws are concerned. The weakness of federal jurisprudence seems to lie in the light sentences imposed. This is seen not only in dealing with persons for first offenses, but also many receive minimum sentences for second offenses as well. There are two possible points of weakness: the judge and the prosecuting attorney. These very light sentences not only do not deter criminals, but they even encourage them.

Mr. E. C. Yellowly, acting federal prohibition director, for New York State, according to reports carried in the newspapers, recently thwarted a million dollar conspiracy to withdraw upon forged permits liquor from bonded warehouses. Mr. Yellowly is a Mississippian, born and reared in Madison county. He seems to be a holy terror to evil doers.

No Turning Back

"After a long drawn out contest, Prohibition came as the triumph of the conscience of a nation. The reform progressed slowly but surely, and there is no turning back. It is the greatest moral victory ever won at the polls.

"Alcohol as a beverage has been indicted as criminal, brought to the bar of judgment, condemned and executed.

"Our nation will be saloonless ever more and will lead the world in the great crusade which will drive intoxicating liquor from the globe."—William Jennings Bryan.

Queers Wet Scheme

The Finnish Parliament has refused to submit the Prohibition question to a referendum. Finland is dry and the Parliament's action is regarded as only natural in view of the large majority for Prohibition throughout the country. When Finland became dry Spain increased the duty on Finnish timber to five times the previous amount in an effort to compel that country to return to the license system and thus open the way for importation of Spanish wines. Finland has now opened up other markets for the timber supply and is not worrying about trade difficulties with Spain. France has concluded a commercial treaty with Finland without insisting upon the latter country importing French wines.

"Sober America! I am for it by all means. I know Prohibition is a failure in the cities but when wood alcohol kills off all the old soaks Prohibition will have its day. The boys and girls of the next generation won't have any taste for the stuff."—Thomas A. Edison.

The Ladies' Home Journal recently sent a reporter to interview the lady head of an anti-prohibition organization. The reporter found this

lady switching calls at a telephone desk and was referred by her to the office of a liquor trade periodical.

Commissioner Roy F. Haynes of the Prohibition Enforcement Service, should be given absolute power over appointments and held responsible for them. There is no other way of guaranteeing the integrity of prohibition officers.

Mr. Scrymgeour, the prohibition member of Parliament from Dundee, Scotland, has introduced a drastic prohibition bill. Lady Astor saw the passage on second reading of her bill to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors to children.

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TWO NEW SEMINARY STEPS

By L. R. Scarborough

The Baptist brotherhood of the South will be interested in two new movements made by the faculty and Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

1. The raise in standards of scholarship. They have agreed hereafter they will grant Diplomas to students only on basis of high school education, Bachelor's degrees on basis of two years college work and Master's degrees on four years college work. The rule concerning Diplomas does not apply to a theological student; but they must take three years study, as in other courses only two years.

This does not mean to limit entrance to the Seminary only to students of high school and college education. It only limits the conferring of degrees. Any student without educational prerequisites may enter any class and pursue any course of study and take all we give if he can and receive for it a certificate of proficiency after completing the required work. It does not close the door of entrance to any, but only limits the conferring of degrees as above. We want this clearly understood. We believe this advance step is in the interest of higher standards of education and better standards of proficiency in all lines of religious work. The medical schools, the dental schools, and more and more the law schools, are requiring higher standards of scholastic education for their students. We feel that the leadership in Christianity should also stand for these higher standards.

2. The Seminary Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution proposing to offer the Southwestern Seminary to the Southern Baptist Convention, on the conditions that the Southern Convention appoint a Board of Trustees—we suggest two from each state, one from the District of Columbia, and nine others without regard to state lines in order to have a group of men convenient to the Seminary for the purposes of an executive committee, and that these trustees be appointed in our groups to serve one, two, three and four years. If the Southern Convention accepts this offer, then the eleven state conventions now appointing trustees will be asked to approve and authority will be given from the Baptist General Convention of Texas for the transfer of title to the Southern Convention. The proposition also asks the Southern Baptist Convention, in case they accept the Seminary, to invite the W. M. U. Convention to appoint an Advisory Board of twenty-five women to act as advisory to the trustees for the administration of the Woman's Missionary Training School. This matter will be brought both to the attention of the Convention and the W. M. U. Convention.

The Board of trustees of the Seminary has been led to this because the door was opened by the Southern Convention in a report made by a committee headed by Dr. Rufus Weaver at the Jacksonville Convention last year, and by the fact that all of the Southern States are now

contributing to the support of the Southwestern Seminary through the 75 Million Campaign and hence should have ownership and control of the institution, and also since we are receiving students from every state in the South and sending back these trained men and women for leadership in these states.

The Seminary has assets of \$1,618,000 and liabilities of \$118,000. So, we offer to the Southern Convention an institution with an enrollment of nearly 800 students, a faculty of 40 scholarly men and women, a plant worth more than a million and a half and with very little liabilities, and ask the Southern Convention to own and control the institution. It is hoped that the next convention will carefully and prayerfully consider this proposition and act in the light of the wisdom which God will give.

Baptist Laymen's Union Formed to Function in Connection With Covington County Association

A meeting of unusual interest to Baptist kingdom workers was held with the Collins Baptist church on March 11th, at 2:00 p. m. Agreeable to previous arrangements made, a large number of men from quite a number of the churches composing the Covington County Association assembled at the Collins church. The meeting was called to order by C. A. Davis of Collins, and W. L. Bass of Mount Olive led the devotional service, after which 95% of the voices present joined in the song "Stand Up For Jesus". E. L. Dent of the local church delivered an inspiring address full of enthusiasm and pointed out in a most convincing and concise manner the possibilities before Covington County Baptist Laymen. He urged every layman present to get a vision of life, and an estimate of his own personal influence upon the kingdom work in our territory.

W. L. Williamson in a few well chosen remarks presented to the audience N. T. Tull of Jackson, who spoke most instructively on the layman's part in the Great World Baptist Program. Mr. Tull made an argument which was irrefutable. His address so stirred the meeting that many present were ready to stand up and declare their intention of consecrating their time, influence and money in furthering the "catch up campaign", but the chair recognized Dick Taylor of Seminary, who spoke with telling effect. J. E. Johnston of Mount Olive was then given the privileges of the floor and presented the claims of the 75 Million Campaign with clearness and precision.

Definite plans were agreed upon in regard to the task to be accomplished and an organization perfected to arrange the machinery with which to put the plans over. W. N. Yates, traveling representative of the Buckeye Oil Company, was made chairman; C. A. Davis, special agent of the Jefferson Life Insurance Company, was named as vice-chairman, and E. E. Robertson of the United States Treasury Department, was made secretary-treasurer. The organization adopted the name: Covington County Baptist Laymen's

Union, and adjourned subject to call of the president. Before the next meeting is held the president will direct an active campaign for additional members and it is confidently expected that he will have a suffi-

cient number of laymen ready and willing to respond to his direction to wake up every church member within our bounds. The Laymen's Union will operate in connection with the Associational program.

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By R. L. Breland
Heavenly Investments

In the former article I discussed the meaning of the term, showing that any and all we have may be converted into Kingdom assets and that we can realize on them as such. In this I want to discuss another phase of the subject under consideration.

Who may invest in Heavenly Securities. In our recent world war only friends of the government willingly invested in its bonds and other securities. As there is no physical force exerted in God's Kingdom to compel us to invest we conclude: (1) That only friends of God can invest in Heavenly Securities. His enemies will not buy at his counter—in other words, His enemies will not work or put their funds into Kingdom enterprises that bring eternal returns. (a) Then the question, who are God's friends? In John 15:14 we read that these are His friends who do His work. (b) What is God's work? Jesus says in John 6:29 that doing the work of God is believing on Him. We are also told in John 3:16 that to believe on Him is to have eternal life. (c) Therefore none but regenerated, reborn, saved persons can invest in Heavenly Securities, or can or will work the works of righteousness. (2) Not all Christians are making Heavenly Investments (I Cor. 3:15), but some will waste their lives here and go into Heaven saved as by fire (I Cor. 3:15) or, as Job expresses it, saved by the skin of their teeth (Job 19:20). Many will be the disappointed Christians at the day of settlement, for many are resting on their oars singing the old song "Jesus paid it all" and refuse, or fail, to do the works of God and seem to think that the Kingdom has no claims on them; so they will not give anything worth mentioning to the furtherance of His Kingdom. (a) We are saved by grace through faith without works (Eph. 2:8), but (b) we lay up treasures in Heaven, make Heavenly Investments, by living, giving, working for God here on this earth. Only God's redeemed children can, or will do these things; therefore none but God's children can make Heavenly Investments, and these only by doing the things commanded of Him. Are you investing? Are you saved?

Notes and Comments

Plans are being laid for holding an all-day rally in every church in the

Neshoba County Association.

It is now or never with Southern Baptists. The world is calling us, we are able to go and occupy, many of us have pledged, to fail means disaster and defeat. God will accomplish his purposes but He is not compelled to do it through Southern Baptists. He will if we will.

On a recent Sunday Noxapater church voted to retain Rev. S. W. Rogers as pastor. I have not learned his intentions in the matter. He has been there three years and they have been summed up as follows:

"The first year was made evangelistic, receiving over 100 members into the church. The second year was Sunday School work, the membership in it being nearly doubled. The third year was a campaign against immorality and lawlessness, blir-d-tiger whiskey was nearly driven out of town." That is a fine record of work.

If any of our pastorless churches will write me I can put them in touch with a preacher that is a graduate of Mississippi College and also of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been teaching in colleges but wishes now to go into the pastorate. Let me hear from you.

Eld. L. E. Lightsey came over to Deemer the third Sunday and succeeded in putting The Record into the homes of the church. They were already getting it but they renewed and some new subscribers were secured. He succeeds where others fail. Brother pastor, let him come and help you put The Record on. It can be done if the proper effort is put forth.

Rev. John W. Jones is the messenger of Neshoba County Association to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in May, with Bro. C. M. McCraw his alternate. Our churches are to raise the expense fund in April. Get ready to go, brethren.

District 4 W. M. U. Rally which met with Philadelphia church March 17 and 18, was a great success. Mrs. Armstrong, vice-president, presided. Mrs. C. H. Fatheree bid the visitors welcome and Mrs. Kent replied. Mrs. Rowe, missionary to Japan, delivered a splendid address as did also Misses Mather and Traylor. Dr. Lipsey preached an inspiring sermon Sunday. The attendance was good both

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Rev. W. Rufus Beckett, pastor at Philadelphia, has been in poor health for sometime. Last week he went to the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, for special examination and treatment. His people are very anxious that he soon recover for he is greatly loved by all who know him. May the Lord hear their prayers for his recovery and heal him real soon.

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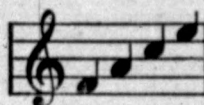
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Missionary Day at S. B. T. S.

On Saturday, March the third, we enjoyed our sixth missionary day of present session.

Our state group meeting was the most interesting we have had for some time. Our president, Brother Riser, was on hand and at usual place. Brother N. H. Parker led in two good stirring songs, after which Brother Tulley led us in prayer. Then Brother Rouse conducted devotional by reading and commenting on a passage in Romans. We had present at the beginning of the meeting the following members: Brethren Riser, Parker, Keel, Roberts, Hickman, Moseley, Henderson, Hall, Tulley, Simmons, Rouse and Kitchings, together with Misses Fancher, Osborn, Tomlinson and Quillan.

After some little business the speaker of the occasion was introduced. He was none other than our Mississippi son-in-law, Dr. Kyle Yates, who spoke to us on God's message to Moses, "Build according to the plan I gave you." He brought us a stirring message, and insisted that we build according to the "blue print" that God has made for us.

From the state group we went into general session, where Dr. Powell presided in absence of Dr. Mullins, who was away preaching in a revival at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Dr. Gardner was doing some work at Richmond College in Virginia. Dr. Sampey had gone to Florida for a month's rest and some lectures also. Dr. Robertson was in Louisiana lecturing, and Dr. Wayman was away, as well as Dr. Adams. Thus it was that we were scarce of professors. But Dr. Powell presided with much grace and his usual ease.

After songs and prayers Dr. Powell read and commented on the 55th chapter of Isaiah. In his comments he said religion has always engaged a large part of the thought of every age. That we never properly hear the social call until we hear our own call of God.

The main speaker of the day was E. P. Alldridge, Secretary of Statistics for Southern Baptist Convention. His subject was, "Baptist World Opportunity." Although primarily a statistician, yet he brings a thrilling message with his statistics. He gives some interesting data as growth and present status of Southern Baptists. He is getting out a handbook which will give all these figures. It ought to be in every Baptist home, so Mr. Reader, please write him at Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, sending him fifty cents. He will mail it as soon as printed. Some of the readers of this paper may help him by filling out questionnaires he has already sent you. He needs this information for publication, and for benefit of country churches.

Readers, let us be loyal and cooperative Baptists, taking part in the on-going of our great denomination. Exams are over now and some of us are scarred up but not mortally wounded.

Meetings to all Record readers.
A. A. KITCHINGS,
Reporter.

Bible Institute

We had a good time and a good attendance at the Newton county Bible Institute which met with Union Baptist church. Dr. Venable taught Ephesians in his own great way. It seems to me and many others that we might keep Dr. Venable busy teaching in our churches. Then we had Brother Honeycutt of Meridian, from time to time, who gave us interesting accounts of the growth of the early church. Also many of the home brethren took part and things very interesting. Thirteen preachers were present and half of the churches were represented. Newton church has bid for it next year.

Newton church has been greatly blessed by the coming of Brother J. H. Rowe, our returned missionary from Japan on March 4, Dr. L. R. Scarborough on March 9, and Prof. D. M. Nelson on March 11. Prof. Nelson went from Newton to Harpersville, Lake, and Decatur, where he spoke to very responsive hearers.

Newton church now has 485 local members, 468 enrolled in Sunday School, a live W. M. U. with four circles, three B. Y. P. U.s and a S. B. Band.

W. H. THOMPSON.

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One of the most successful and far reaching revivals ever held in this community closed Friday evening with the Baptist church of this place. The pastor was assisted by Mr. Harry M. Pippin, a student of the Baptist Bible Institute, of New Orleans, who conducted the music very satisfactorily; and Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of the First Baptist church of Greenwood, who preaches the old time Gospel of Salvation, with the power of the Holy Spirit. These men made a good team in the work of the Master.

Because of the inadequacy of the church auditorium, the services were held in the Augusta Theatre, and several times extra chairs had to be used to seat the congregations which came. People came from all parts of the community and neighboring communities to hear the messages which were delivered with such power and conviction. All of the churches of the community received help from the meeting, for all were interested in the salvation of the lost.

The Baptist church here was greatly strengthened by the meeting spiritually, and we feel that we are moving forward for the Master. The visible result of the meeting was the addition of forty-nine people to the churches of the community, forty-six of whom came into the Baptist church. Many of these were men and women who had reached or passed maturity.

We are planning to let the contract for our new church building and have the work of erection begin at a very early date.

E. V. MAY.

On December 31, 1921, there were in force in Pennsylvania approximately 20,376 permits to withdraw liquor for various legal purposes. The number of such permits on January 1, 1923, was 12,346, a reduction of 40 per cent.

DO YOU LAUGH?

In this day, when there is so much discussion, pro and con, in regard to evolution, I am reminded of something I saw thirty-five or forty years ago in the Religious Herald of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Jeter being at that time the editor; It was also in the days of Darwin, Huxley and Herbert Spencer. The statement was this, that man was the only one of God's creatures who laughed. Why not say talked, some one suggests, well, laughed is more especially distinctive.

We all know that animals may understand each other's chatterings but only man made in "God's own image," a little lower than the angels and into whom He "breathed the breath of life", has the sense of humor that brings laughter. It is said of Lord Beaconsfield (D'Israeli, Queen Victoria's Prime Minister) that when taunted with being a Jew by some one, he replied: "The gentleman's progenitors were running wild in the woods, when my forefathers were worshipping the true and living God." We are told Sarah laughed at the visits of Isaac, and she said that she knew her friends would have laughed with her. Christ placed a little child in the midst of His disciples and said: "Except ye become as this little child ye can in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." A little child with its faith, its innocence, with its laughter. Could you imagine this being said of Satan's minions? Again it is said in the parable of the prodigal son that "they made merry." And again, "Or God who giveth us all things richly to enjoy." Again, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". And again, "Rejoice in the Lord, again I say unto you rejoice". And oftentimes the joys of salvation are mentioned. I am giving you this for what you may think it is worth, but as for me I don't think that I have ever heard a more convincing refutation of the theory of evolution, than that "man is the only one of God's creatures who laughs."

Cordially,

MRS. JOHN D. McINNIS,
Meridian, Miss.

One day a pastor went to a wealthy lady in his congregation to urge her to furnish \$125 for some object in which he was interested. This lady was, truth to tell, not as much noted for her generosity as for her wealth, and she demurred seriously in his request. Finally the pastor said: "Well, my good lady, you pray over the matter this week, and if on Sabbath you still feel that you should not give the money, just tell me so, and I will not say any more to you about it."

The minister relates that on the next Sabbath he opened his eyes after the benediction to see his parishioner rushing frantically toward the pulpit, with a roll of bills in her hand. "Here," she cried, as she thrust the money into his grasp; "take your old money. I haven't been able to enjoy my prayers all the week."

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. J. I. VINCE

Sarah Elizabeth Kimbrough was born in Raleigh, Smith County, May 7, 1854, died February 26, 1923.

She came to Laurens County when a girl with her parents, joined Hepsebah Baptist Church at age of 22 years.

Married to J. I. Vince in 1875. To this union two daughters were born, Mrs. Myers and O'Neal both of Bogue Chitto.

She was left a widow with two little girls. They were her care, yet her chief delight.

She came to Bogue Chitto when the girls were small, put in a millinery establishment, and reared her girls.

There being no church at Bogue Chitto, she joined Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was there until the organization of the church at Bogue Chitto.

We miss her much. Her life touches nearly every phase of the town life being a widowed mother.

God bless her memory.

R. D. STRINGER, Pastor,
Bogue Chitto, Miss.

TRIUMPHANT IN DEATH

Blue Mountain has lost one of its noblest spirits, Mrs. Mattie Cooper Sumrall. There in her beautiful home on the edge of the town, she had been confined for three and a half years with an incurable disease which spread through her body with increasing terrible pains.

But what a heroine she was. To her home and the entire community she was clear, bright light ever shining. Far and wide had gone the story of her patience and faith and the thought of the brave, cheerful sufferer there at Blue Mountain, lying helpless upon her back had nerved the heart of many a sufferer.

Already she had passed her eightieth birthday and for nearly fifty years she had been a widow, her husband, Elisha Sumrall of Copiah, having died before the family moved to Blue Mountain. Rev. R. A. Cooper of Senatobia was her brother and he alone remains of the large number of children. Four daughters and one son were born to Mrs. Sumrall, all of whom are living, except one daughter, Lou, who was the wife of Dr. J. R. Carter of Jackson. The children now living are: Mrs. Susie Sumrall Lowrey, widow of the late T. C. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, and Miss Eula and Miss Robbie Sumrall of Blue Mountain and Mr. Will Sumrall of Crystal Springs. Three grand children are living, Prof. Wilbur Sumrall, Miss Ruth Sumrall and Mr. Neal Sumrall, all of Crystal Springs.

Upon coming to Blue Mountain Mrs. Sumrall put her daughters in the Blue Mountain College and for some time took boarders in her home. Two orphan children, Pat and Bess Walton, were taken into the home.

One of the beautiful traits of Mrs. Sumrall was her devotion to her

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church and community. Eagerly she embraced opportunities for attending services—often with great suffering of body, as she was wheeled to the church in her invalid's chair. At a recent election she insisted in being wheeled to the polls in town that she might cast her ballot.

Highly favored was this heroic sufferer in the loving attentions bestowed upon her by her noble daughters, who night and day, regardless of their own comforts, vied with one another in their ministries to their invalid mother.

The funeral services at Blue Mountain had in them the note of victory. Those taking part were Drs. W. T. Lowrey, R. A. Kimbrough, J. E. Buchanan and the pastor E. B. Hatcher. From Blue Mountain her embalmed body was taken to Crystal Springs where it was buried at the side of her husband, and there funeral service were again conducted, Dr. W. T. Lowrey and her brother, Rev. R. A. Cooper, taking part. There under many, many beautiful floral offerings, the gifts of friends from different sections of the country, her body was tenderly laid to rest.

E. B. HATCHER.

Died at her mother's home at Old Calvert, January 28, Mrs. Clara Davis, wife of the late Dr. W. A. Davis. She was buried at old Union Church Sunday afternoon with a host of friends and relatives present to pay the last tribute of respect. The funeral was conducted by the writer. Sister Clara was just in the prime of life, only 39 years old and we mourn her loss. The family have our sympathy.

Bro. P. A. Davis has his same work for 1923, except Zion, which is: West Kemper, Arkadelphia, Sardis, and Corinth. The writer has been called to Zion.

Bro. R. E. Moore has resigned at Antioch, New Zion and Stonewall, all in Kemper county, to accept work in other fields.

Brs. R. E. Moore and P. A. Davis organized a new church at Old Union where Bro. Moore is pastor. We are proud of this work for it was much needed.

We attended the Lauderdale county executive board meeting at the 1st church, Meridian the 1st day of February. We enjoyed it very much. Lauderdale County Association believes in doing things for the Master.

Rev. B. V. Vaughn of Meridian is pastor at Pine Grove, Lauderdale county, for 1923. We trust he will accomplish great things for the Lord.

The writer has been called to Zion, Kemper county. This old church is a dear place in our heart. We came along from our boyhood days, went to school, found the Lord, joined and was baptised, and was licensed and ordained to the full work of the ministry and still hold membership at Zion. Our father and mother were buried there. There are a lot of our school mates there. It is one of the oldest churches in this part of the state. Has one of the nicest and neatest houses of any country church. It is all dear to us and we are praying for great things at Zion.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR BAPTISTS AND OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO HOLD UNION MEETINGS

There is no union where there is not an agreement. Shall two walk together except they have agreed. Amos. 3-3.

When a Baptist Church agrees to enter a union meeting it does by such an act agree to enter with a partly closed Bible.

Because it would be impossible for Baptists, Campbellites, Methodists, Presbyterians, Holy Rollers and Nazerenes to agree on a plan of Salvation, and yet it is not an uncommon thing to see a bunch of these people hooked up in a so called union meeting.

Trying to make the world believe that they are agreed on the plan of Salvation. At least a union meeting symbolizes an agreement that cannot exist.

For we are commander to preach the duty of Baptism that immersion only, is Baptism.

This being true, should a Baptist preacher place himself in a position where he is forced to disobey a plain Commandment of Christ, so when they go in a so called union meeting they agree not to preach their distinctive doctrine.

Like a so called union meeting I read of one time. Where a bunch of preachers were engaged in a so called union meeting. There was a Jewish Rabbi in the meeting, and they agree not to use the name of Christ in the meeting through respect to the Rabbi preacher.

Now this looks bad but when we go into a so called union meeting, we agree to about the same thing. The most of Baptist preachers and churches are shy of such meetings.

The whole truth of the matter is that a number of preachers would refuse to go into such meetings were they not afraid of public sentiment, and their own churches. As for myself I have never been in a so-called union meeting and never expect to if I keep my right mind. Now if all demoninations can unite for ten days why not for all time to come. There is no union where there is not an agreement. Shall two walk together except they have agreed. Amos 3-3.

M. C. PUTNAM.

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION

The Calhoun Association was organized at Pittsboro, September 1875. As our file on the minutes begin with the Associational year 1877 we can only give the information we could get from those who were in the organization. The first annual meeting was held with Spring Creek Church 1876, Rev. C. G. Blount Moderator, L. W. Harrelson Clerk. In the organization there was about 18 churches all (except two) were from the Chickasaw Association. At the meeting of 1876 there were four churches added, two from Yalobusha and two from Chickasaw.

We find in the first annual we have at hand, 1877, that there were 16 ordained preachers and 13 licen-

tiates. About five of these were ordained later, and the others either died literally or spiritually we can't tell which, but their names seem to disappear right soon. Our opinion is that in those days when a fellow would attend a revival meeting and get up and make an exhortation that would make the folks cry, he was licensed to preach. We find in the first annual 1877 that there were programs for two district meetings held annually, one North of Scooner river and the other South. In these meetings we find programs for either of them, such questions as the following were discussed.

Who are the primitive Baptists, missionary or hardshells?

What is the soul of man? Was John's baptism the Christian baptism?

Is it the duty of every member of the church to partake of the Lord's Supper? What becomes of the soul after death? Is the total depravity of the unregenerate heart a doctrine of the Bible? There is quite a lot more but we think these are sufficient, however, we give one more which explains the situation. What is the cause of the spiritual declination that has taken possession of our churches?

At this association the following named reports were read and discussed: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools, Publications. Ministerial Education. Mississippi College. After the discussion to the report on Mississippi College there was \$10.00 pledged for Ministerial Education. One other report was read on Temperance. There 40 Baptists reported at this association. We notice the effect of the various questions spoken of above is bearing some fruit as the statistical table shows there were 44 exclud-

ed from the various churches last year.

By motion and second, the funds collected for missions were divided (I suppose as near equal as the could make it) between Home and Foreign Missions. The amount was \$8.35. REPORTER.

Prohibition Director E. C. Yellowley, of New York, said:

"Let us not overlook the unmistakable and oft proved fact that the majority of determined and persistent violators of our national prohibition act are foreigners, some of whom have been naturalized, others still subject to other nations and who were in many instances compelled to leave the land of their birth because of criminal conduct."

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Mississippi Baptists On Trial---Will We Pay What We Promised?

Look down this list of counties. See how many owe more up to May 1st than they have paid up to January 1st. What are we going to do about it?

COUNTY	5-Yr. Pledge	Paid to Jan. 1, 1923	Due to May 1, 1923
Adams	\$ 13,107.00	\$ 5,590.64	\$ 3,154.36
Alcorn	88,440.95	33,182.41	32,248.10
Amite	95,731.00	36,388.95	29,447.14
Attala	41,529.59	17,226.49	11,350.06
Benton	8,503.75	2,503.17	3,228.07
Bolivar	109,569.30	36,514.76	39,701.78
Calhoun	22,865.99	11,784.92	6,443.41
Carroll	14,211.90	4,534.67	4,963.40
Chickasaw	56,053.00	16,022.59	21,697.51
Choctaw	23,296.65	10,706.58	6,206.88
Claiborne	12,810.50	3,994.09	4,574.03
Clarke	58,171.50	25,901.18	13,867.64
Clay	41,596.40	16,875.51	10,855.43
Coahoma	80,158.35	33,125.94	23,876.71
Copiah	124,022.70	45,563.89	40,813.18
Covington	44,025.00	15,691.39	14,129.88
DeSoto	20,350.70	14,801.95	1,967.96
Forrest	168,299.50	65,976.43	46,242.59
Franklin	26,309.50	8,958.51	7,496.25
George	9,613.25	3,640.88	3,639.30
Greene	25,089.60	5,875.77	9,206.12
Grenada	42,733.44	15,467.77	13,260.15
Hancock	7,989.50	1,718.67	3,749.76
Harrison	41,558.45	17,197.79	10,507.84
Hinds	239,312.40	102,861.04	56,680.55
Holmes	75,826.24	25,396.73	25,152.43
Humphreys	34,131.00	7,930.64	14,824.36
Itawamba	3,428.10	1,097.28	1,407.32
Jackson	46,569.20	13,749.19	17,650.05
Jasper	26,433.75	10,160.13	7,723.83
Jefferson	7,957.42	4,375.59	2,027.72
Jeff. Davis	52,034.30	20,526.88	14,200.55
Jones	71,046.10	20,444.86	27,765.86
Kemper	14,739.31	6,366.20	3,463.50
Lafayette	56,020.25	20,649.07	16,509.69
Lamar	37,501.50	11,029.30	14,145.96
Lauderdale	172,435.54	61,681.78	54,223.81
Lawrence	46,752.75	18,504.99	12,673.36
Leake	19,423.25	10,592.33	4,609.32
Lee	73,601.15	34,954.09	14,162.31
Leflore	108,602.30	49,655.74	23,148.15

COUNTY	5 Yr. Pledge	Paid to Jan. 1, 1923	Due to May 1, 1923
Lincoln	100,042.50	35,253.46	31,769.94
Lowndes	54,008.50	24,388.28	11,637.30
Madison	41,805.80	21,881.17	7,123.34
Marion	67,543.40	21,815.66	22,562.35
Marshall	28,701.00	11,816.07	7,433.14
Monroe	45,952.45	20,374.09	10,929.35
Montgomery	51,703.50	18,698.17	15,979.42
Neshoba	22,942.50	10,115.11	5,295.84
Noxubee	46,419.38	15,949.50	15,049.42
Newton	57,305.60	17,381.42	22,398.41
Oktibbeha	42,693.25	18,948.83	9,641.58
Panola	62,607.50	28,848.77	12,940.67
Pearl River	44,813.25	14,076.44	15,812.57
Perry	22,711.75	5,957.09	9,815.74
Pike	134,984.25	52,702.15	37,773.56
Pontotoc	52,344.35	22,769.97	14,060.26
Prentiss	37,711.25	13,083.67	12,117.05
Quitman	59,995.85	18,065.16	21,911.11
Rankin	52,596.55	23,636.91	13,110.53
Scott	39,283.80	24,961.12	5,915.27
Sharkey	6,122.50	2,986.92	2,353.42
Stone	7,681.00	4,013.28	3,681.64
Simpson	71,311.40	24,776.38	23,328.07
Smith	23,492.01	7,805.33	8,763.95
Sunflower	160,219.33	44,459.02	63,064.21
Tallahatchie	104,484.00	25,365.33	45,245.47
Tate	70,086.20	20,105.51	26,628.55
Tippah	54,038.03	26,793.50	9,254.61
Tishomingo	12,956.70	3,856.67	4,898.50
Tunica	5,025.00	1,923.71	1,426.29
Union	84,266.55	32,421.59	24,868.92
Walthall	33,433.58	14,652.41	7,636.59
Warren	17,189.85	7,011.37	4,478.02
Washington	114,069.89	41,301.12	34,270.96
Wayne	18,202.75	4,612.12	7,202.85
Webster	20,916.45	9,427.45	4,764.93
Wilkinson	11,997.50	5,032.36	2,965.92
Winston	52,663.25	19,859.95	15,999.39
Yalobusha	53,429.35	16,300.00	18,987.85
Yazoo	27,990.25	10,953.63	9,253.50

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